

REPORT OF THE TRAINING OF MAGISTRATES AND AREA COURT JUDGES ON FAMILY COURT AND CHILD JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

30th November to 1st December, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria



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I.0 INTRODUCTION:

Nigeria became a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991, and that of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in 2001. In 2003, the Child Rights Act (CRA) was signed into Law in Nigeria; the CRA was domesticated and signed into law in December, 2006 in Kwara State. By virtue of Section 1 of the CRA – “*in every action concerning a child, whether undertaken by an individual public or private body, institution or service, court of law, or administrative or legislative authority, the best interest of the child shall be the primary consideration.*” Under the Nigeria’s Child Rights Act (CRA) 2003, a child is protected against all harmful practices including child labour, child abuse, rape, sexual exploitation, early child marriage, child begging, and recruitment into armed forces, among others.

The creation of the Family Court under CRA intendment is to ensure that children and family cases are filed and determined in a special court that will give speedy access to justice. A family court is a court of limited jurisdiction that handles cases involving family law. For example, family courts typically hear cases involving divorce, child custody, and domestic abuse- in states that have Family Court at High Court and Magistrate levels. In Kwara State, cases of domestic abuse and child adoption constitute the bulk of the processes.

Family courts are governed by state and local laws. Depending on the jurisdiction, these courts might be called domestic courts.

I.1. Background

I.1.1. Family Court in Kwara State

In June, 2009, two members of Children’s Parliament representing Kwara State at the national level, advocated before the then Chief Judge of Kwara State, for the establishment of the Family Court, under the coordination of the Chairperson of Women and Child Watch Initiatives (WOCWI) a Non-Governmental Organisation based in Ilorin. As an outcome of the advocacy, the Kwara State Judiciary established the Family Court in July, 2009, and appointed Magistrates and Area Court Judges to preside. However, the Family Court could not take off effectively because of lack of capacity of the designated personnel. Fortuitously, in 2012, the Chairperson of WOCWI wrote the Kwara State Judiciary to release two Magistrates for Commonwealth Training in the United Kingdom, on Family Court and Child Justice Administration. The Judiciary was prompt to nominate two Magistrates, who upon their return in December 2012 began sitting, and the Family court commenced effective hearing and determination of family and domestic cases in January, 2013. Between then and the present, it is on record that Family Court handled hundreds of cases and has improved access to justice for domestic/family cases.

I.1.2. Family Court Cases

The Family Court hears and determines special cases relating to family/domestic issues. It is important to note that violence, maltreatment and abuse towards children occurs in various contexts- in homes, families, schools, communities, public, in armed conflict situations, and even

across borders and other places like the internet, where children should feel safe. Examples include: abuse and neglect in the family, incest, sexual abuse, infanticide; bullying and other forms of violence in the school, child trafficking, sale of children, child sexual exploitation and other commercial sexual exploitation of children; child labour, and many others.

Also, cases involving domestic violence against persons, adoption of children among others are heard in the Family Court.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown and restriction has increased cases of sexual abuse and domestic violence in Nigeria, Kwara State inclusive. This has swelled the number of cases filed before the Family court, thus requiring more hands to handle same.

1.2. Justification for the Training of Personnel of the Kwara State Family Court

- The current situation of the administration of Family Court has shown the need for improvements through enhanced knowledge of Child Rights Law, Family Court and child justice administration
- Growing challenges of domestic cases like rape, incest, domestic violence, etc., especially arising from the effects of COVID-19 lockdown
- The exit of trained personnel from the Family Court as a result of elevation to Judgeship position and retirement.
- The need for capacity enhancement for relevant personnel
- The need to enhance speedy dispensation of cases and access to justice for domestic cases

1.3. Goal of Workshop:

The goal of this workshop is to conduct a continuing legal education towards building a strong institution of family court legal system within the Kwara State Judiciary, in pursuit of SD Goal 16 of building peace and strong legal institutions.

1.4. Objectives of the Workshop:

- To conduct a focused Training of Magistrates and Area Court Judges currently sitting or having prospects of sitting on Family Court cases in the Family Court.
- Transfer of skills from the Commonwealth trained personnel to Family Court officials and on-boarding re-arrangements for new magistrates and Area court judges
- To define Family Court processes especially as they relate to improved performance, and the monitoring/reporting of the same
- To design methodologies of engagement for the stakeholders, especially the persons to be impacted by the Family Court

1.5. Methodology:

- The methodology for the workshop consists of lectures, presentations, experience sharing, brain storming sessions, Group Work/Group presentations, Plenary Discussions, and Planning for Performance Improvement and Evaluation.

These are designed as highly interactive and hands-on sessions, combined with participant evaluations via Pre/Post-tests, as well as an overall Workshop evaluation.

1.6. Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:

- At the end of the workshop, participants are able to demonstrate increased knowledge of Child Rights Act/Law, Family Court and Child Justice administration
- At the end of the workshop, the Commonwealth trained magistrates that started off the family Court would have passed on valuable institutional knowledge, experiences and skills to the current and incoming magistrates of the Family Court
- Participants are able to demonstrate how the Family Court should run and their roles in facilitating access to justice.
- Participants and Trainers have brainstormed and designed a working draft of the processes of administering the Family Court and how to foster an improved engagement with its stakeholders

2.0 WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS:

Introduction:

The training of the Magistrates and Area Court Judges on Family Court and Child Justice Administration took place from 30th November to 1st December 2021 Midarx Court, Fate GRA Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria.

2.1. DAY ONE: Opening Ceremony and Highlights of Plenary Sessions

2.1.1. Opening Ceremony

The meeting started at 9:45 am with a silent opening prayer for one minute followed by the introduction of all participants, facilitators and members of COSFAN.

Afterwards, the welcome address was taken by the COSFAN President (Dr Biola Adimula) who introduced the purpose of the training and briefed the participants of the importance of the training and the Family Court system.

Participants:

1. .Chief Mag. Ibijoke Olawoyin- Chief Registrar
2. .Chief Mag. Kudirat Yahaya- Deputy Chief Registrar Administration
3. .Chief Mag. Ibrahim A.M.
4. .Chief Mag. Oluwatosin A. Adeniyi
5. .Chief Mag. S. B. Mohammed
6. .Judge Olatunji Abdulamid Yusuf
7. .Chief Mag. O. M. Dasuki
8. .Chief. Mag. A. M. Ndakene
9. .Magistrate Adebola M. F
10. .Mag. Adewoye Omotoyosi
11. .Mag. Kamson M. G
12. .Mag. Folake Olokoyo
13. .Judge A. Abdulyakeen
14. .Judge J. S. Adeniyi

Others

1. Ishola Rotimi O. Family Court Staff
2. Adeniran Mary Temitope- Family Court Staff



The Facilitators at the training Workshop:

1. Dr (Mrs.) Abiola Adimula (*COSFAN President*)
2. Dr (Mrs.) Catherine Adegoke (*Training Consultant*)
3. Dr (Mrs.) Helen Ofoegbu
4. Dr (Mrs.) Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo- (*Chairperson Planning Committee*)
5. Pastor Samuel Oyegunle (*National Publicity Secretary -COSFAN*)

Other members present:

1. Dr Samuel Ekundayo (*General Secretary COSFAN*)
2. Roseline Obadiuno (*British Council representative*)
3. Dr. Oluwatosin Igbayiloye



Dr Adegoke then conducted a Pre-test for the Magistrates and judges on their pre-workshop knowledge of the Child Rights and Family court system.

Participants doing the Pre Test

2.1.2. Session 1: Presentation of Workshop Agenda/ Rationale/ Objectives/ Expected Outcomes of the Training Workshop; (Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo)

Dr Amoloye-Adebayo presented the overview of the training, stating the rationale of the training as the need to improve the effectiveness of the Family Court and justice delivery, transfer skills necessary for implementing the goals of the Family Court, design methodologies effective for carrying out the functions of the family court and ended by stating the expected outcome of the training which is to get good and viable feedback in regards to the participants' understanding of the training.

2.1.3. Session 2: Overview of the Family Court System: (Dr. Abiola Adimula)



Dr Adimula presented an overview on the Family Court System:

Presentation on Overview of Family Court

She gave a brief history on the development of the Child Rights Act, as an offshoot of the protection of the rights of children also provided under the United Nations Charter. She spoke vividly about the basic rights of children like right to life, education, movement, feeding, freedom of association and religion etc. furthermore, she discussed the family court system as provided under section 149 of the Child Rights Act 2003. She stated that only 28 states in Nigeria have codified the act into Child right Laws in their various States. It was of note that Lagos State is performing excellently in the effective performance of the Family court.

In respect to the establishment of Family Court in Kwara State, Dr Adimula stated that two former members of the Children Parliament, Honourables Quawid Olododo and Ayodeji

Adimula moved for the establishment of a family court in Kwara state. This court was eventually established in July 2009. She stated that lack of professionalism was a great challenge to the effectiveness of the Family court. It was on this basis that two Hon. Magistrates were nominated by Women and Child Watch Initiatives (NGO) for Commonwealth Fellowship training overseas on matters relating to the functionality and roles of the family court. She stated that the court proceedings ought to be private and with its unique arrangements as provided under the Child rights Act.

She further stated that the challenges facing the Family court in Kwara State were: inadequate funding, few trained personnel, political will, lack of awareness and sensitization.

Lastly, she gave certain recommendations for combatting the challenges facing the family court which include funding by the government, implementation by government at all levels by setting up implementation committee; sensitisation and awareness to keep people aware of the law; upgrading of the family court in Kwara State to the High Court level; and training and re-training of the magistrates and personnel of the family court.

2.1.4. Session 3: Status Report of Kwara State Family Court/Lessons Learnt: (Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo)



Participants in rapt attention

Dr Amoloye-Adebayo gave a status report on the Family court in Kwara State. She stated that Justice Sherifat Olanipekun was the Family Court chairman for 7 years. The information provided by the Justice was that no special expertise was engaged except her training at the United Kingdom by Common Wealth Scholarship and her previous experience as a magistrate.

She underscored the challenge of poor infrastructure as a challenge that she encountered as the family court chairman.

Lastly she made some recommendations which were:

1. Infrastructure development of the family court and arrangement of the family court as under the law.
2. Training of the family court staff and personnel for effective justice delivery system.

2.1.5. Session 4: Improving the Efficiency of Public Systems- Performance Management/ Monitoring and Reporting: (Dr. Catherine Adegoke)



The next paper was presented by Dr Catherine Adegoke on “Performance Management, Monitoring and Reporting of the Kwara State Family Court”.

-She described the Family Court as a public sector that needed to imbibe the values and management skills of the private sector. Definitions of Performance Management were explored, marking same forward to the principles of Results-Based management (RBM) The processes of RBM were outlined, step by step (10 in all) , as she encouraged the Family Courts to devise viable ways of evaluating their results, starting first by setting achievable goals and methods of measuring their success rates.

The participants brainstormed for a while on achievable goals of the Family Court

To continuously improve the quality of the work done in the Family Court, Dr Adegoke went further to highlight how an effective reporting system will be a tool to enhance the performance of the Family court. She advised that clear accountability mechanisms should be put in place, among which are periodic progress reports following monitoring, for which she suggested a 2 hours meeting (monthly) to discuss how the Family Court is performing. This should be complemented by at least a yearly overall assessment of the productivity of the Family court. Dr. Adegoke also gave guidelines for writing and disseminating reports, as per the audience for which the contents are intended.

2.2. DAY ONE: DISCUSSIONS AND RESOLUTIONS/GROUP WORK



Interactive sessions

2.2.1. Queries and Responses on Session 2: Overview of the Family Court System

S/N	QUERY	RESPONSE
1	Magistrate Mohammed Abubakar asked if there could be restrictions to certain rights of the children, like freedom of movement and association so as to ensure protection of the children from harmful associations and hurt.	Dr Adimula in answering the question above stated that the intendment of the law is not to give unfettered powers to the children as against the protection of their parents but that the parents should not be overbearing in locking children up and not given freedom to move and join peaceful associations.

2	Magistrate Adebola asked if the unlimited jurisdiction of the court was exclusive only to the family court and no other court could exercise jurisdiction over matters the family court could handle	Dr Adimula answered as regards the unlimited jurisdiction of the court stating that the law was clear that the jurisdiction of the court was exclusive and only the family court had exclusive jurisdiction to hear matters relating to child rights.
3	Magistrate Abdulyekim Shehu stated that there seem to be a clash between the powers of the upper area court and the Family courts especially in matters involving Islamic personal law.	Dr Adimula said that magistrates who have knowledge in Islamic, customary laws were also considered as judges of the Family court.
	Magistrate Olokoyo also raised the issue of Cybercrimes and engagement by children if their right or freedoms were not curtailed. How do we protect a child that is innocent from being abused from information from the cyber world?	Dr Adimula said that the parents have the rights to restrict the rights of their children if it reasonably appears that such restriction is for the preservation of the mental and physical well-being of the child.
	How do we make the Child Rights achievable in this present time?	Dasuki stated that he refers matters related to children to the family court which is a usual practice for him.

2.2.2. Queries and Responses on Session 4: Improving the Efficiency of Public Systems- Performance Management/Monitoring and Reporting

S/N	QUERY	RESPONSE
1	Dr. Adegoke requested the participants to brainstorm on achievable goals –for the Family Court, and they responded by suggesting the following:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acquiring better infrastructure 2. Achieving an effective justice delivery system 3. Better and adequate court rooms. 4. Well-structured family courts 5. Training and retraining of magistrates and personnel of the Family courts. 6. Some also suggested that better pay may be a good incentive in improving the performance of the Family courts.
2	How does the Family Court celebrate its achievements without endangering the clause to keep its cases closed to the public?	The magistrates’ highlighted that cases must be kept out of public view –on all matters of the Family Court.

		Dr Adegoke also responded by clarifying that exceptional cases could be celebrated without opening doors to the identification of parties in the Family Court matters.
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2.2.3. Group Work-Discussions on Strategies for Moving Forward: Kwara State Family Court System

The participants were distributed into two groups-- to discuss certain Family Courts matters, their possible causes, relevant stakeholders, and the beneficiaries in such cases.



Group work- Group 1

The groups were to discuss on Five (5) identified high-stake issues;

- I. Child Marriage
- II. Domestic Violence
- III. Child Labour
- IV. Incest, and
- V. Sexual exploitation.



Group work- Group 2

After the group work on Day One, plenary presentations were made on the sections already completed.



Group 1 Presentation



Group 2 Presentation

Then the two groups were requested to complete the assignment after the training workshop, and submit for inclusion in the Report and also to act as a working guide for 2022

Please see –in Annex 5, the syntheses of the Group work on the five issues outlined above:

On the major identified challenge of inadequate funding, which can slow the progress of the court, Dr. Adegoke advised that new strategies could be devised to obtain finances, stressing however that available resources should be maximized.

Day One ended by appreciation of the efforts of the participants and prayers by Dr Adimula.

2.3. DAY TWO:—Highlights of Plenary Sessions

+ Participants :

Three Principal Officers of the Kwara State Judiciary, viz.: the Chief Registrar and two Deputy Registrars as well as 9 Honourable Magistrates and two Upper Area Court Judges participated.

+ Facilitators:

Dr (Mrs.) Abiola Adimula
Dr (Mrs.) Catherine Adegoke
Dr (Mrs.) Helen Ofoegbu
Dr (Mrs.) Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo
Pastor Samuel Oyegunle

+ Rapporteurs:

Dr Oluwatosin Igbayiloye
Mr. Bukunmi Adaramola, Esq.

+ Stakeholders:

Ministry of Women Affairs
Ministry of Social Welfare
Nigerian Bar Association
International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kwara State Branch
The Nigeria Police
The National Union of Journalists

Introduction:

The meeting started with the National anthem and prayers at 9.30 am by Dr Amoloye-Adebayo.

Afterwards, a brief recap of the previous meeting (the major take-home learning points) was done by each of the magistrates.

2.3.1. Session 5: Child Rights Law of Kwara State (Dr. Helen Ofoegbu)

Dr Ofoegbu proceeded to give an overview on child rights law in Kwara State. She stated that quite a number of things in her paper were already presented by Dr Adimula in her previous paper the day before.

She stated that domestic violence and its effects gave rise to the establishment of the Family court. She went further to speak on the powers, constitution, jurisdiction and functions of the Family Court as contained under the Child rights law of Kwara State.

2.3.2. Session 6: Administering the Kwara State Family Court: (Multi-stakeholder Engagement) – (Drs. Catherine Adegoke and Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo)

Dr Adegoke took a session on the engagement of Stake holders for the Kwara State Family court.



She defined “Who are Stakeholders”, and why stakeholder engagement is so important, listing the benefits.

Dr. Adegoke went further to highlight some of the challenges of stakeholder engagement, concluding the presentation with suggestions on how to build effective stakeholder engagement, and ways to benefit from the inputs of stakeholders.

Dr. Adegoke advised that the Stake holders also need to be trained on matters relating to the Family Court, adding that a filter should be applied to identify those who have powers to effect change as stakeholders, and those who just have interest in the issue.





Interactive session on Stakeholders training

In concluding her presentation, Dr. Adegoke stressed the necessity for regular and purposeful meetings between the magistrates of the Family Court, and others within the judiciary, and all relevant stake holders.

After that, a brainstorming session was conducted, anchored by Dr. Azizat Amoloye Adebayo, in which stake holders to the Family Court were identified, viz.:

1. Social workers
2. Teachers
3. Health worker
4. Parents and Guardians
5. Localities
6. Ministry of women Affairs and Social Development directorate
7. The Ministry of Education
8. The Ministry of Health
9. Religious leaders
10. Remand homes
11. Community leaders
12. Civil Defence
13. UNICEF
14. Legal practitioners (FIDA)
15. Counselors Association of Nigeria
16. NGOs on Cybercrime-(such as the Cyber security Challenge Nigeria Institute; Child online Safety Nigeria; Centre for Cyber awareness and development; The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (UK)
17. The Press
18. In addition, the Faculty of Law, Social Sciences, Faculty of Education (Guidance and Counseling) and the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies were also documented in the List



Director of Social Welfare contributing to discussion



FIDA Kwara Representative at the event



Representative of the Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs



Representative of the Nigerian Bar Association addressing participants on the roles of NBA



The Chairman, National Union of Journalist, Kwara State Chapter on the roles of the Press

A major discussion ensued at plenary among all participants, which revolved around a communication plan, to ensure good communications with the magistrates, and to harness the benefits of stakeholders in a mutually effective and efficient pace and direction. This discussion was initiated to strategize on a feasible communication plan. The challenges affecting each stakeholder were stated:

- ✚ Delays in prosecution of cases and prolonged bureaucracies.
- ✚ Due to the enormity of family court cases, two sitting days per week were suggested for the family court matters.
- ✚ The police stated that there seemed to be a lacuna in the laws as offences committed by juveniles were not credited as punishable offences and not taken seriously.

A biennial meeting was suggested and agreed to by the stakeholders and magistrates, starting off with one in January 2022, and in July 2022.

A suggested WhatsApp platform of representatives of the judiciary and the stakeholders for ease of information was discussed-the pros and cons, with the resolution to have a minimized representation of only focal people on the platform, to circumvent the risk of having many magistrates on a platform that could be hacked into at a later date

The REGISTRAR of the Family Court was nominated to be the Chief Information channel for the Stake holders and magistrates.

The press was also informed on the need to keep the proceedings of the meetings private, as it is a criminal offence for any of their proceedings to be published: the Chairman of NUJ was charged with the responsibility of informing other journalists and media houses on this issue.

The judiciary was given the opportunity to give possible causes or challenges with the response of the Stake HOLDERS: they highlighted the following:

1. The Borstal homes have no provision for rehabilitating young girls
2. Abuse of power by officials of the Borstal homes
3. Bad report of investigation by the police
4. Poor feedback from the stakeholders to the magistrates
5. Unnecessary withdrawal of cases from the family courts
6. Exaggeration of ages of juveniles before the court

The judiciary stated that they may be able to sit only once in a week for the Family court cases because of the enormity of other cases before them.



Courtesy to the Kwara State Chief Judge (ably represented)

The discussions came to a close about 3 pm, and the vote of thanks was given by the Chief Registrar-Mrs. Olawoyin.



Afterwards, the Post-Test for the Magistrates was conducted, and the evaluation of the entire workshop was conducted formally via Evaluation Forms

Lastly, Certificates were awarded to the Magistrates and other relevant participants and facilitators to formally close the Training programme for magistrates and judges of the Kwara State Family Court.

		
<p>Presentation of Certificate to FIDA representative</p>	<p>Representative of the Nigeria Police receives stakeholder certificate</p>	<p>Social Welfare Director receives certificate</p>
		
<p>Family Court Staff receives certificate</p>	<p>Certificate to Hon. Magistrate</p>	<p>Area Court Judge receives Certificate</p>
		
<p>Deputy Registrar 1</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Registrar 2</p>	<p>Chief Registrar, Kwara State Judiciary</p>

3.0. OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS—FROM THE TRAINING ON FAMILY COURT AND CHILD JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

1. All children cases within the jurisdiction of the Magistrate and Area Court levels should be assigned to the Family Court for hearing and determination
2. Family Court Magistrates and Area Court Judges should only have the responsibility of running the Family Court cases; for efficiency, other cases that are not family/children cases should not be assigned to them.
3. The Family Court should sit every day of the week, or at least minimum of three times a week, to enhance timely dispensation of cases. The current status of sitting only one day a week is inadequate to meet up with the enormous need.
4. Family Court Personnel should be given training and re-training about the job and best practices around the globe. They should be exposed to child rights seminars, workshop and conferences, to improve their knowledge, towards better performance
5. Functional Family Court infrastructure should be made available to the Kwara State Judiciary by the Kwara State government. Such court should be furnished and arranged like a roundtable family setting (different from the usual court settings), as provided by the Child Rights Law of Kwara State.
6. The Kwara State Judiciary should champion Family Court Stakeholders' bi-annual meetings, to regulate efficient functionality and coordination.
7. The Family Court in Kwara State should be upgraded to High Court level as provided for in the Child Rights Act, 2003 and as practiced at Federal level and other States.

This will enable it to hear more serious cases like divorce, custody of children and murder. It can also serve as career opportunities for magistrates, who can thus be appointed into the High Court Bench of the Family Court.

4.0. CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

The training of the Magistrates and Area Court Judges on Family Court and Child Justice Administration took place from 30th November to 1st December 2021 at the Midarx Court, Fate, GRA Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria.

The workshop had the goal of conducting a continuing legal education towards building a strong institution of family court legal system within the Kwara State Judiciary, in pursuit of SD Goal 16 of building peace and strong legal institutions.

The methodologies adopted for the workshop (Plenary Lectures, experience sharing, brainstorming sessions, Group Work/Group presentations, Plenary Discussions, and Planning for Performance Improvement and Evaluation) proved highly effective.

- The immediate outputs from the workshop demonstrated highly improved knowledge **(via the Pre and Post Test-see Annex 3)**
- the achievement and surpassing of overall learning objectives (detailed in the Evaluations of the workshop-(**Annex 4**)) and
- the production of a draft strategy document for effective tackling of five (5) priority issues ---by the magistrates and Area Court judges through discussions at group work and further brainstorming after the workshop **(as captured in Annex 5)**
- In particular, the processes for stakeholder engagement have been well articulated, with the presence of various stakeholders at the training on the second day affording a mini stakeholder review, and delineation of engagement methods that are mutually\ acceptable, especially with the exact limitations on the Family Court system.

The objectives of focused training, definition of Family Court processes are clearly well achieved, with the improved knowledge and understanding of the Family Court system, how to achieve and demonstrate improved performance, and clear definition of engagement of stakeholders of the Family Court and the beneficiaries of its multi-pronged interventions.

The conclusions are therefore, that a well-conducted and highly impacting training was conducted for the magistrates and Area Court judges of the Kwara State Family Court, and the snowballing of this into more effective and efficient systems is highly anticipated, in the coming months and years of the operations of the family Court in Kwara State.

However, there are key challenges, and needs that must be attended to, in order to optimize the opportunity afforded by this training. It is encouraged that the suggestions made above and throughout the entire report, be given favourable and urgent attention.

It is envisaged that this training is the start off, for many other trainings, in different dimensions-locally, nationally and internationally, as well cut edge implementation of the Family Court system, in Kwara State and in Nigeria. The wide dissemination of this report, for Information, Advocacy, Strategic Planning and timely Response, for the approval of necessary resources will be a major step to optimize the gains of this milestone training event.

Annexes

Annex I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS



THE JUDICIARY OF KWARA STATE

CHIEF REGISTRAR'S CHAMBER,
High Court of Justice,
P.M.B. 1389

25TH November, 2021

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The President,
COSFON,
Nigeria,

Sir/Ma,

**RE: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR HON. MAGISTRATES AND AREA COURT
JUDGES IN FAMILY COURT, 29TH NOVEMBER TO 1ST DECEMBER, 2021.**

Sequel to your invite on the above subject, I am directed to forward the nominees from Kwara State Judiciary.

Please find below names of participants for the training;

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| 1. Chief Magistrate I.O. Olawoyin | 9. Magistrate Adebola M.F. |
| 2. Chief Magistrate K.A. Yahaya | 10. Magistrate Abdullahi O. Yusuf |
| 3. Chief Magistrate Ibrahim A.M. | 11. Magistrate Adewoye Omotoyosi |
| 4. Chief Magistrate O.A. Adeniyi | 12. Magistrate Kamson M.G. |
| 5. Chief Magistrate S.B. Mohammed | 13. Magistrate Omolara A. Idiagbon |
| 6. Judge Olatunji Abdulhamid Yusuf | 14. Judge A.S. Abdulyakeen |
| 7. Chief Magistrate A.M. Dasuki | 15. Judge J.S. Adeniyi |
| 8. Chief Magistrate A.M. Ndakene | |

Yours Sincerely,

**IBIJOKE O. OLAWOYIN (MRS.)
CHIEF REGISTRAR**

SECRET

Annex 2: AGENDA

TRAINING OF MAGISTRATES AND AREA COURT JUDGES ON FAMILY COURT AND CHILD JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

Dates: 30th November to 1st December 2021

Venue: Midarx Court, Ilorin

AGENDA: DAY ONE

Time	Activity	Persons Responsible
8.55 am – 9.05 am	Registration—Participants Opening Prayers	All
9.05 am – 9.10 am	Welcoming ALL Participants	President-COSFAN
9.10 am – 9.15 am	Presentation of Workshop Agenda/ Rationale/ Objectives/ Expected Outcomes of the Training Workshop	Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo
9.15 am to 9.25 am	Opening Remarks and Workshop Takeoff	Chief Judge, Hon. Justice S.D. Kawu
9.25 am to 10.45 am	Pre-Test Overview of the Family Court System	Dr. Kate Adegoke Dr. Abiola Adimula-
10.45 am to 11.15 am	Tea Break	ALL
11.15 am -11.45 am	Status Report of Kwara State Family Court SWOT/Lessons Learnt	Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo
11.45 to 1.30 pm	Improving the Efficiency of Public Systems- Performance Management/Monitoring and Reporting	Dr. Kate Adegoke
1.30 pm to 2.30 pm	Lunch	
2.30 to 3.45 pm	Group Discussions—Strategies for Moving Forward: Kwara State Family Court System Plenary Feedback and General Discussions	Panel of Facilitators
3.45 to 4.00 pm	Recap and Close of meeting Closing Prayers	Dr. Helen Ofoegbu

AGENDA: DAY TWO

8.55 am – 9.05 am	Registration—Participants Opening Prayers	All
9.05 am – 9.30 am	Participants’ Recap	ALL
9.30 am – 10.30 am	Child Rights Law of Kwara State	Dr. Helen Ofoegbu
10.30 to 11 00 am	Tea Break	ALL
11.15 am -1.00 pm	Administering the Kwara State Family Court (Multi-stakeholder Engagement) PLUS Relevant Stakeholders	Dr. Kate Adegoke/ Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo
1.00 pm to 2.0 pm	Lunch	ALL
2.00 pm to 2.30 pm	Post Test Evaluation of the Workshop	Dr. Kate Adegoke
2.30 to 3.00 pm	Next Steps	Dr. Azizat Amoloye-Adebayo/ Mr. Sam Oyegunle
	Closing Ceremony-	Dr. Abiola Adimula
	Vote of Thanks	Chief Registrar— Hon. Magistrate Adejoke Olawoyin
	Closing Prayers	

Annex 3: ANALYSES OF PRE AND POST TESTS

(NAMES WITHHELD)

S/n	Pre-test	Post-test	Difference between Pre and Post Test	Percentage Improvement
1	13	20	+7/20	35%
2	13	16	+3/20	15%
3	12	19	+7/20	35%
4	7	18	+11/20	55%
5	16	20	+4/20	20%
6	7	19	+12/20	60%
7	11	20	+9/20	45%
8	15	20	+5/20	25%
9	12	20	+8/20	40%
10	9	18	+11/20	55%

Comments/Analysis of Pre-Post tests:

- i. The least pre test score was 7/20, and the highest was 16/20
- ii. The least post test score was 16/20 and the highest was 20/20
- iii. 7 out of 10 participants had over 40% improvement in scores at the end of the post test, with the highest improvement being 60% (pre test 7, post test 19)
- iv. Five out of 10 participants had the perfect test score of 20/20—100%**
- v. The results show a significant impartation of knowledge, as demonstrated by the results of the post test

Annex 4: WORKSHOP EVALUATION: ANALYSES OF RESPONSES

Please respond to each of the following questions. They are intended to obtain a feedback about the workshop and to improve on specifics. Please provide your most accurate assessments. **You do not need to put your name.** Thank you.

Circle 1 to 5 for each of your evaluations:

5. Excellent. 4. Very Good. 3. Good. 2. Fair. 1. Poor

S/N	ISSUE	5 Excellent	4 Very Good	3. Good	2. Fair	1 Poor	ANALYSIS (Weighted Average)
1	The overall experience of the Training is positive	6	4				4.6 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
2	My knowledge of the subject matters has improved	5	5				4.5 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
3	The workshop has provided me with knowledge to apply in my work	5	4	1			4.4 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
4	The amount of time allowed was appropriate for the information	1	6	2	1		3.9 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
5	The materials provided me with useful information	5	5				4.5 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
6	The pace and style of the workshop was effective	3	7				4.3 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
7	Participation was encouraged	8	2				4.8 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
8	The instructors responded to questions effectively	6	4				4.6 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>
9	The workshop met my learning objectives	8	1				4.7 <i>Max Score of 5.0</i>

General Comments:

Overall the ratings of the Workshop, and its components were quite impressive, with 8 out of 9 evaluations scoring higher than 4 points out of the maximum score of 5.0

It is worthy to note that **Question 7 (Participation was encouraged)** and **Question 9 (The workshop met my learning objectives)** scored the highest marks of **4.8** and **4.7** respectively, highlighting the participatory nature of the workshop, and the participants' overall satisfaction with the training.

The least rating was accorded to **Question 4 (The amount of time allowed was appropriate for the information)** and **Question 6 (the pace and style of the workshop was effective)** at **3.9** and **4.3** respectively. The take-home message is that this workshop would achieve its objectives better, if the time allocated was at least 3 days, and if any subject matters are to be added, a full week should be adequate, especially for workshops held in out of state settings where across-board experiences need to be shared for peer reviews, adoptions and buy-ins.

Further Evaluation. (Consolidated responses from 10 participants)

10. Did the workshop meet your personal learning expectations?

- Yes, the course improved and built my capacity
- Yes, it sharpened my knowledge about the subject matters discussed
- Yes, it indeed met my personal learning expectations bearing in mind that I came into the workshop with little or no knowledge about the activities of the Family Court
- It is no gainsaying that the workshop has met my personal; learning expectations on the subject matters of discussion
- It is very fantastic

11 What were the major strengths of the Training Workshop?

- The participatory style employed for dissemination of knowledge
- It was informative and interactive
- The pre and post-tests taken provided me with a standard to measure my knowledge improvement
- The resource persons were able to “passionately” impart knowledge
- The expertise in presentation that the resource persons manifested
- The up to date information passed across
- Coordination was excellent
- Participation: inclusiveness of both the facilitators and the participants
- Resourcefulness: Facilitators are well informed and disseminated the knowledge remarkably
- The expository aspect as they highlighted the germane points
- The major strength of the workshop is the manner in which the workshop was organized, that is a participatory one, under a congenial atmosphere

11. Which aspects of the Training were most useful? Briefly describe how

- I found all the aspects of the training very useful
- The materials presented were very useful
- Dissecting and analyzing the child Right Act/Law
- The workshop was a holistic experience, and all aspects were well integrated to create a useful whole
- The aspects of the training that were most useful were those dealing with the Child Rights Law and the administration of the family Court
- Information on what is expected of the family Court and relevant stakeholders
- That of performance management, monitoring and reporting—this will help in setting a target and assessing whether the set target has been set
- Evaluation of the Family Court and periodic monitoring
- Proof of assurance on the workability of the set goals

- The importance of communication among stakeholders (engagements) and explicit discussions on the way forward are my take-home from this training workshop
- Embracing every member of staff
- Bringing together relevant stakeholders for better running of the Family Court
- The importance of working hand in hand with the relevant stakeholders for effective justice delivery

12. Please describe any way that the Training Workshop could be improved

- Wider participation
- There should be adequate time and resources available for the training workshop: more days should be allocated
- Training and retraining are very important: make it regular
- Continuity and consistency in the training programs
- Always improving on past trainings and taking it to the next level
- More time should be given to the more technical/legal aspects of the issues
- Adequate financing
- Involvement of all relevant stakeholders
- Stakeholders' meetings should come AFTER other relevant stakeholders have also been trained
- Trainings should not only be local, but national and international

v.	Define a clear method (by Issue/Problem) of how the expected results will be realized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By working with the necessary stakeholders involved like the social welfare department; police • By putting in place strict and swift punitive measures • Teach young children sexual education early enough (let them know their private parts) • Heightened Awareness of the Child's Right Act • Allow the children speak. Create an environment safe for the children to speak • Sensitizing the public that it is an offence under the C.R.C • Sensitizing the minor/ children as well
vi.	Check whether resources are available for the identified strategy, or if modifications/alternatives have to be proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human and financial resources not adequate • Need for training and retraining of personnel • Proper infrastructures, such as well furnished court rooms and a well equipped correctional center for offenders not in place
vii.	How will you monitor your progress regularly, to know if you are on track?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic assessment • Self-assessment Having a quarterly report to monitor program so far and a general evaluation
viii.	What plans can you make for periodic (yearly) evaluations and reporting to compare your results and achievements with what you set out to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic records • Periodic meetings with other stakeholders Having stakeholder meetings, gathering information from public and schools
ix.	How do you plan to disseminate the results and lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News publications • Policy publications in journals and articles Sensitizing the public through radio jingles, and other means of communication as well as the children in schools
x.	How do you plan to use the information for better management and quality improvement of the Family Court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Programs for personnel • Implementation of recommendations • Administration of questioners • By having a periodic training based on the information gathered yearly.

vi.	Check whether resources are available for the identified strategy, or if modifications/alternatives have to be proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate resources • Training and retraining of personnel • Provision of court building and furnishing
vii.	How will you monitor your progress regularly, to know if you are on track?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic assessment • Self-assessment of every member • Quarterly report to monitor progress and general evaluation
viii.	What plans can you make for periodic (yearly) evaluations and reporting to compare your results and achievements with what you set out to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder meeting with relevant authorities and gathering information from the public • Periodic records • Periodic meetings with other stakeholders to plan
ix.	How do you plan to disseminate the results and lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public sensitization (publications, journals, memos, letters, emails) • Public awareness through radio jingles, sensitizing children in schools
x.	How do you plan to use the information for better management and quality improvement of the Family Court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and workshops for personnel of court • Implementation of recommendations • Periodic training based on the information gathered yearly

S/N 3	PROBLEM/ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE KWARA STATE FAMILY COURT	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
i.	List the possible causes List Direct/Indirect Effects	<p><u>Causes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequality (low self-esteem) • Mental health (insecurity) • Intolerance • Stringent measures of discipline/torture Mental health issues • Ignorance • Lack of strong punitive measures <p><u>Direct/indirect effects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health issues • Physical injuries, which may result in disability or even death
ii.	Identify key stakeholders and beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouses • Children • Domestic help (house maids) • Society • Parents • The Court
iii.	Formulate expected results if the Kwara State Family Court is effective in its planned interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will curb the excesses of domestic violence • Promote Peaceful co-existence • Mental stability of the stakeholders & beneficiaries • Decreased suspicion • Curtail domestic violence
iv.	Identify how you will measure or showcase the expected results, when achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent monitoring • Periodic assessment of the rate of violence • Tracking rate of reported incidences over time
v.	Define a clear method (by Issue/Problem) of how the expected results will be realized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Ministry of health, welfare department, police, schools on domestic violence related violence • Sensitization is a major instrument to get an expected results • By urging spouses to speak out • Develop skills in listening and proffering quality counsel • Government formulate Stringent penalties/ Strict & swift punitive measures. • Sensitizing the public on what constitutes an offence under the C.R.L • Sensitizing the children on domestic violence from primary school level

vi.	Check whether resources are available for the identified strategy, or if modifications/alternatives have to be proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources are not sufficient • Need for training • Need for well-furnished court rooms
vii.	How will you monitor your progress regularly, to know if you are on track?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report to maintain program and general evaluation • Overall Assessment • Maximizing the contribution of members of the panel (allowing every member to work out the common goals)
viii.	What plans can you make for periodic (yearly) evaluations and reporting to compare your results and achievements with what you set out to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic records • Self-assessment • Gathering information (surveys) from public-- by giving out questionnaire • Stakeholder meeting with welfare department, police and ministry of education
ix.	How do you plan to disseminate the results and lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitization of the General public • Documenting success stories • Inclusion of measures of the Laws in Educational Curriculum • Public awareness through radio jingles, sensitizing children in school, sharing success stories
x.	How do you plan to use the information for better management and quality improvement of the Family Court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing of proposals requesting for funding • Strategy planning • Administering questioners • Periodic training based on the information gathered yearly

S/N 4	PROBLEM/ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE KWARA STATE FAMILY COURT	CHILD LABOUR
i.	List the possible causes List Direct/Indirect Effects	<p>Causes: Poverty in the home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of access to quality education • Displacement due to natural disasters • Poverty • Illiteracy • Tradition • Unhealthy family life <p>Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health hazards • Sexual abuse/exploitation • Result into injuries, bodily harm
ii.	Identify key stakeholders and beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child • Parents/Guardians • Society • Court • Social welfare • Government • NGOs
iii.	Formulate expected results if the Kwara State Family Court is effective in its planned interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradication of child labour in Kwara state • Working hand in hand with immigration service and NAPTIP • Spread awareness • Government will provide free and accessible education • Stringent laws and punishment for employers of children will be in place
iv.	Identify how you will measure or showcase the expected results, when achieved	<p>Identify how you will measure or showcase the expected results, when achieved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent monitoring • Progress reports • Success stories published • Obtain statistics from the welfare department, ministry of internal affairs; NAPTIP; Police and immigration service

v.	Define a clear method (by Issue/Problem) of how the expected results will be realized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stringent laws put in place by government to punish defaulters • Discourage employment of children workers • Awareness of Child's right Act • Strict & swift punitive measure. • Sensitizing the children • Define a workable prompt response number • Improve economic growth
vi.	Check whether resources are available for the identified strategy, or if modifications/alternatives have to be proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate Resources • Need for training and retraining of personnel --social welfare officers, judges, family court staff • Need for well-equipped court rooms
vii.	How will you monitor your progress regularly, to know if you are on track?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self assessment • Monitor periodic progress – do a periodic assessment(this can be monthly) • Quarterly report to monitor progress and general evaluation • Don't minimize the effect of any member
viii.	What plans can you make for periodic (yearly) evaluations and reporting to compare your results and achievements with what you set out to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collating information from public --through questionnaires, stakeholder meetings with immigration service NAPTIP • Keeping a journal / periodic records • Accessing the effectiveness of members • Identify what and how stakeholders can assist by playing key roles
ix.	How do you plan to disseminate the results and lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitizing the public • Sharing success stories • Media awareness • News releases (radio and television coverage) • Publishing policy briefs/program with stakeholders
x.	How do you plan to use the information for better management and quality improvement of the Family Court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and retraining--periodic training based on the information gathered yearly • Design training program • Build a culture that emphasizes quality improvement of every member of staff

S/N 5	PROBLEM/ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE KWARA STATE FAMILY COURT	CHILD MARRIAGE
i.	List the possible causes List Direct/Indirect Effects	<p>Causes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic factors (poverty) • Illiteracy • Cultural values / Traditions • Religious indoctrination <p>Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Hazards e.g. Vesicovaginal Fistula or VVF • Emotional imbalance e.g. depression • Immaturity (child not able to take care of her own child) • Entrenched Poverty
ii.	Identify key stakeholders and beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Parents/Guardians • Direct and immediate family members • Community/ Society • Social/Health workers/Social welfare office • Girl child// Groom • Parent/Guardian • Court\
iii.	Formulate expected results if the Kwara State Family Court is effective in its planned interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decline of child marriage in Kwara state • Increased awareness/ sensitization in the general public • Improvement of the girl child education • Mental stability of the child • Curtailing the practice
iv.	Identify how you will measure or showcase the expected results, when achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working hand in hand with the Ministry of health to obtain statistics on childhood pregnancy. Reduction in the number of childhood pregnancies will be a measure of the expected result • Inclusion of child right law as part of educational curriculum from primary level • Progress report • Periodic evaluation • Anonymous publicity (letting people know)

v.	Define a clear method (by Issue/Problem) of how the expected results will be realized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict & swift punitive measures. • Sensitization of the public on what constitutes an offence under the C.R.L • Sensitizing the children themselves from primary level • Training and retraining of court personnel
vi.	Check whether resources are available for the identified strategy, or if modifications/ alternatives have to be proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate resources • Need for training of social welfare officers and judges, family court staff • Need for well-equipped court room
vii.	How will you monitor your progress regularly, to know if you are on track?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-monitoring • There should be quarterly report to minute the program so far and a general evaluation • Performance evaluation reports • Overall assessment • Embrace every member of staff (not minimizing the effect of any member)
viii.	What plans can you make for periodic (yearly) evaluations and reporting to compare your results and achievements with what you set out to do? •	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collating information from public—through questionnaires • Stakeholder meeting with welfare department, police and Ministry of Education • By keeping records which can be analyzed for information • Being consistent in the planning and reports
ix.	How do you plan to disseminate the results and lessons learned •	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitizing the public through radio jingles, publishing in the Family Court website • Going to schools to sensitize the children, share success stories • Through public sensitization (through memos/letters/emails)
x.	How do you plan to use the information for better management and quality improvement of the Family Court? •	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic training based on the information gathered • Yearly planning retreat, seminars • Information gathered can be sent to relevant authorities to find lasting solutions to problem encountered • Implementation of the recommendations • Strategy planning

ANNEX 6- STAKEHOLDERS' LETTERS OF NOMINEES



MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
KWARA STATE GOVERNMENT

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25th Nov., 2021

The President,
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**RE: INVITATION AS A GUEST OF HONOUR AND TRAINING OF
FAMILY COURT MEMBERS**

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23rd November, 2021 on the above subject matter.

2. I am further directed to forward list of the officers nominated to participate at the stakeholders training for your further necessary action.

The nominated officers are as follows:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| a) Yusuf M.J. (Mrs) | Director Child |
| b) James K.D. | Director Social |
| c) James Olufemi Olukotun | Probation Officer |
| d) Awojobi Toba | Social Welfare Officer |
| e) Ajanaku | Police Prosecutor |

3. Please, acknowledge receipt and accept the warmest regards of the Honourable Commissioner.


Abdulsalam Saheed
For: Hon. Commissioner

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25th Nov, 2021

THE PRESIDENT,
COSFON,
Nigeria,

Dear President,

**RE-NOMINATION OF 5 FIDA MEMBERS TO ATTEND STAKEHOLDERS
TRAINING FOR FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATION**

We refer to your letter dated 24th Nov., 2021.


We appreciate the opportunity to take in the above named training. The underlisted members will be participating on behalf of FIDA;

1. GLOEIA .O. OKODUWA
2. IBIYEMI MOJIROLA
3. OLUWAKEMI ADEBAYO
4. ANTHONIA OSHINIWE
5. ADEYEMI TITI

We look forward to a very intense and educative training.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


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Dear Sir,

**RE: NOMINATION OF 3 MEMBERS TO ATTEND STAKEHOLDERS
TRAINING FOR FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATION**

Your letters dated 15th November, 2021 and that dated 24th November,
2021 on the above subject matter refer.

I hereby write to forward the list of the appointed stakeholders as
approved by the general house of the branch at its meeting of 26th
November, 2021 for your scheduled programme as follows:

1. AbdulRasak O. Saka Esq.
2. Malik AbdulMajeed Esq; and
3. Anthonia Erinfolami-Daniel (Mrs)

Please accept my high regard.

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